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OUR PAPER

A VOICE FOR LESBIANS

AND GAY MEN IN MAINE

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PRICELESS



Letters --

Dear Our Paper:

Even if the gay-rights bill had passed, we are expending our energy on the wrong covering of freedom. The reasons our civil rights are hidden from us is not only public attitudes, but the government's uneven application of the laws. Unfortunately, Hospitality House Inc. and her people speak from experience.

While some would allow equal rights for non-heterosexuals, the non-heterosexuals who belong to other "minorities" will still be discriminated against. Those who are Indian, Asian, or Afro-American gays and lesbians HAD the laws on their side before any gay-rights bill, and still those extra words failed to help. We need to have the protection of the law be more than an empty promise. We need citizen groups to insure fairness in the application of constitutional rights.

Citizen groups should be formed of ALL minorities who will be vocal and assure courts that the public will be aware if they choose to protect government officials rather than look out for individuals' rights. When someone out there forms such an advocacy, watchdog group, let me know. We need to use our energy where it's not been used before!

Jan Lightfoot
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Dear Our Paper:

I've noticed recently that you are running an ad for a "Free Gay Party Line". This ad disturbs me. I feel this ad is hurtful in that it proclaims "No Restrictions." I realize this paper is for both male and female, to that end, I love the fact that you've separated the personals. Also that is the place for "that type of solicitation". I think we need to present ourselves in a more positive light, and an ad proclaiming in large letters "Free . . . Speak to Men . . . No Restrictions!!" is offensive to some, hurtful to most, and degrading to all of "us".

Thank you.
Connie Pelkey

Dear Our Paper:

I picked up the *Our Paper* and *Maine in Pink Guide '91* at the Riverfront in Bangor. I read both this

morning. My lover and I are new to Maine so this is the first time I have seen your newspaper.

I found *Our Paper* to be filled with interesting items and articles. I found your survey insulting and stereotyping! I give examples: Section 3 "to see what others are wearing". What? I think more highly of Gay/Lesbian people than that! Section 5 "if gay male, how much do you spend weekly on cat food" versus "If a lesbian, how much do you spend weekly on cat food, dog food, grain and horse chow". Also "if lesbian, what type of pick-up truck". It seems homophobia runs deeper in Maine than I thought! When "we" stereotype "us" there is a deep problem in Maine.

I come from Massachusetts and spend my Gay dollars wisely. A subscription to a local Gay/Lesbian paper would be nice but not to see homophobia in print. For that I can read any local paper!

I began to fill out the survey but when I came to these remarks I figured you folks are not really interested in surveying the Gay/Lesbian community for political knowledge.

I doubt this letter will make your paper but needed to respond. Stereotyping and homophobia must be fought at all levels!

Sincerely yours,
Micheal Desplaines

Hey Michael — Welcome to Maine. Now that you're not in Massachusetts anymore, you'll learn to recognize our Maine sense of humor. Lighten up! Have fun! (Just a note — you'll be quite surprised by the survey results.)

The Collective

To Whom It May Concern:

The Alliance of Seacoast Gay and Lesbian Youth has been disbanded due to a lack of interest in the area. People who are interested in the group can write to the address below.

We thank you for the support you gave us and wish to thank the members of the staff of *Our Paper*. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Erik R. Tanguay
The Alliance of Seacoast Gay
and Lesbian Youth
191 Washington Street, Apt. #2
Dover, NH 03820

Dear Our Paper:

This is an open letter to the owners of Maine's lesbian and gay bars. Are you for us, or are you against us? In spite of overwhelming evidence that secondary cigarette smoke is "wicked" carcinogenic, the air quality in most bars is thick with stale smoke. The installation of industrial strength air cleaners could solve this problem, and make bars a healthier environment in which gay and lesbian social needs can be met. These cleaners cost about a thousand dollars each, and would be an

excellent way for bar owners to show that they truly care about the health of their patrons.

The usual business owner's response is that this is just too expensive. But can we afford to ignore the real damage that is done when we breathe this air? Certainly we all understand that times are tough and the stress takes its toll. Our lesbigay rights movement has faced another setback in Augusta, Maine faces a weakened economy, there is high unemployment, and health care costs are skyrocketing. These are the times when we must really work at protecting our health! True, many bar owners host fund raising efforts for AIDS programs, and we all continue to do what we can to maintain our own health and share the responsibilities of managing the AIDS epidemic. Medical researchers have also discovered that gay men generally have low levels of selenium and zinc, two important minerals vital for strong immunosuppressant response. We should venture out to meet friends for a drink. Personally, I don't choose to spend money in places where the air stings my eyes and fouls my clothes. I would hope that Maine's bars join those in other states that show that they truly care for their patrons.

Sincerely,
Brian Kaufman

Dear Our Paper:

This is a response sent to the defense attorney (and straight media) regarding his comments about the victim.

June 25, 1991

Schuyler G. Steele, Esq.
65 Commercial Street
Portland, Maine 04101

Dear Mr. Steele:

Last night I was watching the news regarding the client you currently represent who is charged with attempted murder in the knifing of a college professor. I suppose it is your attorney strategy which leads you to state to the

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OUR PAPER is published monthly by the OUR PAPER volunteer collective. Our purpose is to serve as a voice for Lesbians and Gay men in Maine. We wish to be a source of information, support, and affirmation, and a vehicle for celebration by and for members of the Lesbian and Gay communities. We want OUR PAPER to reflect our communities' diversity as well.

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Editorial --

DO YOU BELIEVE IN MAGIC?

by Heather Alexander

Probably the job of writing this month's editorial for our "retro-60s psychedelic" issue fell to me because I am the only current member of the *Our Paper* staff who actually grew up on the 60s. Prime age — I was 14 when the Beatles emerged on the scene. To get in the mood to write this I pulled out some old records, "pumped up the volume" and really tried to recapture the way I felt when I was first listening to them. The fact that I'm incontrovertedly middle-aged often appalls me, but it was worth it to grow up in the 60s.

There are many scholarly books written about the 60s, hell, the scholars probe and dissect EVERYTHING, so this will not be at all scholarly, it will be my perspective, as a part-time flower child from the most boring suburb on the eastern seaboard, of those times.

Around 1964 a new spirit began "blowing" in the wind. I first saw a picture of the Beatles in *Vogue* Magazine. That was the beginning for me — those "lads from Liverpool" with the mop haircuts. It wasn't the safe Ozzie and Harriet 50s anymore. We

quit "Leaving it to Beaver" and started doing things our parents didn't like. We grew our hair long and rebelled against dress codes. (Girls were not allowed to wear slacks to schools.) We began to question the program designed to shuttle the girls into wife and motherhood and the boys into company clonehood.

Then the Beatles came out with "Sargent Pepper" and the Psychedelic 60s had arrived in earnest. Magic was foot. Love beads became the 60s rosary, clothes bloomed with embroidery and the grass on the Cambridge Common died from too many "love-ins". We "tuned in and turned on", "did our own thing" and not "trusting anyone over thirty", we protested the government's decision to march us off to war. It felt like a time of expansion, and experimentation. Repression was out, expression and free love were in.

The legacy of the time was a new sense of freedom, a questioning of authority, and a realization that the 50s more didn't fit anymore; life could be more than a house in the suburbs, a nice car and 2.3 kids that the wife

stayed home to raise. If we were "different" we began to notice who we were and started to feel proud about it, no longer ashamed at not being that societal model, the white heterosexual male. The 60s birthed a new social consciousness, led to a renewed women's liberation movement, the Stonewall Rebellion, and abortion on demand. We overthrew the "rules" that kept life "safe" for our parents.

For me the 60s were great fun. I was enjoying my life as a melancholy, black-clad, teenage existentialist with occasional forays into flower-childhood. There was magic in the air, a giant youthful "be-in", a street dance pulsing with the rhythm of life, and endless possibilities to change the world.

Here we are in the 90s, the grass on the Cambridge Common is flourishing, and a line from the Beatles song, "I Am the Walrus" come to mind — "Man, you've been a naughty boy, you've let your face grow long". The "thought police" we talked about are here, whether they are right wing "Right-to-Lifers" who want to say what a woman should do with her body, and

while they are at it, think that all gay people should die of AIDS. Who, in fact, want to make all the rules we should live by. Or the "politically correct" thought police, who don't want us to notice difference and diversity in the quest for perfect equality, and who also want to make the rules. We have more rules all the time, are they making us "safe"?

The corporations did gobble up many of us, both men and women, creating yuppie workaholics, while the ones who clung to their youthful ideals became ferociously earnest. Life got so serious. Now everything is a "war", a war on drugs, a war on poverty, etc. Where did the magic go, the dance of life, the fun? To use a popular phrase, perhaps we should "just say no" to all these wars, quit being "good soldiers", hold a few protests, "make love, not war", LIGHTEN UP, let our hair down, and begin to have a little more fun. Laughter can make the strongest bugbears loosen their hold.

The 60s opened a window that has been closing in on us since the 80s. Perhaps it's time to open it again, get some fresh air and "let the sunshine in". Anyone for a "love-in"?

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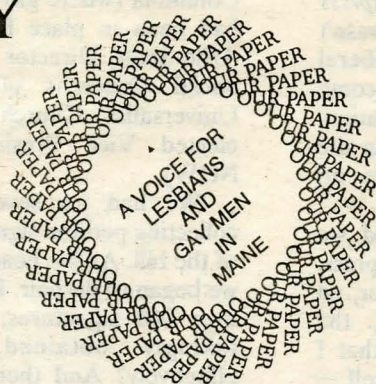
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Guest Contributor

THE FIRST GAY RIGHTS BILL IN MAINE

Celebrating Our Successes . . .

by Lois Reckett

During 1976 a small group of Mainiacs and I began the first campaign to pass gay and lesbian rights legislation in Maine. It was both a story of profiles in courage and in the lack thereof.

In October of 1976 a small group of us began meeting to strategize a campaign for Maine to become, we hoped, the first state to pass civil rights legislation to protecting gays and lesbians in employment, housing, public accommodations, and credit.

We formed the Maine Coalition for Human Rights. Initially there were only two groups in it — the Maine chapter of the National Organization for Women who provided the bulk of the initial impetus and the Maine Gay Task Force whose few, but hardworking members, put out the monthly *Mainely Gay*. Later we were joined by Maine Lesbian Feminists, a notoriously apolitical group who lobbied their hearts out, and eventually by the Maine chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, whose contribution was in name only for the bulk of the campaign.

At the time we were not naive enough to believe that we would succeed this first time out, although periodically during the eight-month effort we experienced a bout of delusory euphoria. At the time we represented the most political savvy gay men and lesbians in Maine. We knew it was at least a ten-year battle we had engaged.

Reality descended on us initially in the form of the search for sponsors. We wanted, of course, geographic diversity. We ultimately settled for courageous legislators in Portland — Laurence Connolly and the prime sponsor that year, Gerald Talbot, Maine's only black legislator. They were both Democrats but at that time bills could not be sponsored on a bipartisan basis under the rules of the Maine Legislature.

Before settling on Larry and Gerry we tried all manner of "friends" including legislators who in later years would/could forward to sponsor. Jane Holmes of Winterport tried to convince Senator Minette Cummings of Penobscot County. I tried to convince an old friend, Representative Barbara Trafton of Androscoggin County. None but Talbot and Connolly would take what they perceived to be the political risk — although to the best of my recollection, all those we seriously approached ultimately voted with us.

January 28, 1977 was the filing deadline for bills for the 108th Maine Legislative session. Shortly before, we decided to go ahead with Talbot as the chief sponsor. Consequently, Gerry thought that he should be a little better informed about the issue of gay civil rights. His commitment to date had been primarily a philosophical one.

In an effort to educate himself, Gerry went to purchase a book. The most appropriate he could find had the word "gay" in the title. The clerk at the cash register would not take the money from his hand — but insisted he lay it down on the counter. And since Gerry is a very light skinned Black person he was convinced it was because the clerk thought he was gay. From then on his crusade for our rights became even more personal.

In the *Portland Evening Express* (3/17/77) Talbot asserted that it wasn't just his and Connolly's liberal reputations that made them come forward to sponsor the legislation. "There has to be a voice here (in the legislature) for those who have no voice."

Early in January we decided we needed spokespersons for the press. We settled on two — Peter Prizer, an openly gay man, and myself, the straight female. The hitch was that I had recently come out — to myself — but no one in Maine knew. In addition, I was still married at the time and

fearful of the consequences should my sexuality become known before the inevitable divorce. I was, I might add, right to be fearful.

So for the entire campaign I stayed snugly in the closet — except, of course, that the *Maine Times* published a cover story on the issue and the campaign. My picture took up half the page. Although the photo credit identified me from the National Organization for Women, it was widely misinterpreted. The incident nearly cost me my job at the local YWCA.

Peter did handle the bulk of the press for that first campaign — especially after I confided to him my "secret". But, the most enduring contribution Peter made that year was to develop the lobbying fact sheet — which included a painstakingly alphabetized list of all the towns and cities in Maine (correlated to their legislative districts). That document, in an updated form, has been used to this day by NOW and by all subsequent gay rights campaigns.

The next problem was the hearing. We were determined that it be the most comprehensive possible — and we had, of course, almost no money. In spite of the obstacles, however, we stated a great hearing — from Frank Kameny, former Human Rights Commissioner of the District of Columbia (where gay rights legislation had been in place for several years) Arlie Scott, Director of the Office of Social Concerns of the Unitarian Universalist Church (and recently elected Vice President Action of NOW)

We had for several weeks been collecting petition signatures in support of the bill. As the hearings approached we began to despair. How could a little over 900 signatures, however painstakingly obtained, be utilized effectively? And then someone came up with the bright idea to draw a huge map of Maine on poster board and

identify all the towns from which we had signatures! The decision was then made to present the map to the Legislative committee as I came forward to testify for the members of the Maine Coalition for Human Rights.

"We came together out of a common concern for the civil rights of lesbians and gay men to initiate the drafting of LD 1419 which you have before you today.

For nearly a year we have been meeting to organize this legislative effort and have conducted a public education campaign on this issue. As a part of that effort we have been circulating petitions of support for this legislation all over the State of Maine. To date we have collected 946 signatures in support. As you can see from this map they come from all over the state — from nearly every town and city.

We submit to you that they also indicate in some small way the statewide support for LD 1419. We are giving to you today as well a list of the municipalities in this country which have similar legislation as law.

We assert that Maine people are ready to take the lead and make us the first of the states to enact statewide protection for the civil rights of gay persons.

We ask you to listen and study the issue carefully and vote LD 1419 out of this committee unanimously ought to pass."

The *Bangor Daily News* (5/18/77) reported "...map showing areas of the state where petitions for bill were signed. Supporters spanned the state from Limestone to Eastport, Kingfield, to Kittery." Thank heavens no one was able to see the mad scramble at the end of our preparations in order to obtain that geographic diversity.

The hearing went off without a hitch and the *Bangor Daily News* went on to say the next day "The packed

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The Straight and Narrow by Holly Valero --

Goddess Park, Wyoming

The time was 2:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon. My loving partner was out in the yard having a heart-to-heart with her tomato plants. In Indian language her name would be "Dances with Dandelions". Cats were droozled in cool spots around the house, getting their mandatory seventeen hours of daily sleep. From outside came the distant summer sounds of people with weed-whackers, kids playing or fighting, and cars driving by with their radios cranked up to the hilt and their windows cranked down.

The sound of too much mail being jammed through a two-inch slot, the slam of a broken screen door, and the jingle-jingle of mailman keys on a long chain brought me downstairs to see what goodies had arrived with the post.

A flyer from someplace selling radial tires, an opportunity to purchase hundreds of mattresses, the summer version of Harry & David gifts, two identical pieces of mail informing me - in two different spellings of my last name - that I had already won a pontiac firebird, cable bill, assorted junk with our names misspelled, and something I hadn't seen before. A packaged piece mailed to the two of us that read simply, "This Summer and Every Summer. Goddess Park is for you! The world's first and only theme park just for women." I looked at the return address. A post office box number for Chugwater, Wyoming.

I slipped out the kitchen door to the deck. "Celeste, mail's come!"

"Anything interesting?" she asked, rearranging the little wire cages around her tomato plants.

"Mostly the usual stuff, but there's a thing in here for something called 'Goddess Park' in Wyoming. It's addressed to both of us. Why don't you take a break and come look at this with me." Anchoring her trowel in the ground like a bookmark, she wandered up onto the deck while I got us a

couple of glasses of ice water.

Snapping the lavender dot sticker on the multifold piece, it expanded to nearly poster size in my hands. "Goddess Park," it read, "was not just another amusement park. The first in a series of Total-Female-Experiential parks, Goddess Park was designed by women, for women. Its mission? Complete re-empowerment, a heck of a good time, simple one-fee entry, and plenty of free parking in underground parking caverns near the base of Sheep Mountain, elevation 6,841 ft."

"Wow! Listen to this," I began. "This place has everything! Home of the world's largest and most exciting roller coasters, Goddess Park offers the 'PMS Screamer' and the 'Menstroller Mania Machine'!"

"I'm not getting on any roller coaster."

"No, no. Just listen to this! The PMS Screamer offers nine of the most incredible minutes of your life! The ride vaults forward from a pitch black tube, climbs 2000 feet at a 60-degree angle, then plummets straight down at speeds of over 100 mph into three complete loop-de-loops before screeching to a halt in a fully-choreographed, simulated middle-management office so realistic that as you stagger from your seat, you will be handed a folder containing a variety of paperwork and told, 'Mr. Peterson needs copies of this for all seven departments before 3:00 p.m. Are you alright?' The office comes complete with Santa Fe decor, a persnickety photocopier, and glass ceiling."

"I am not getting on any roller coaster. You aren't listening to me."

"Oh my God! This is great! The Menstroller Mania Machine is for the seasoned, post-puberty, female traveller only. This 28-minute attraction begins at Fellopia Station. The 'tube', as it is sometimes called, coasts on a unique magnetic track that propels the ride forward

along a gentle incline for seven minutes. Cresting at over 1000 feet above the ground, the ride plunges downward through a dizzying 360-degree loop that feeds directly into the famous water-retention-slide. So realistic that your shoes will feel tight. Survivors of the water slide are then cork-screwed through five mind-altering loops before the ride zig-zags through the Enchanted Cramp Forest.

Sliding to a halt after only 14 minutes, the magnetic polarity of the track is reversed suddenly and passengers are dragged 'bass-ackwards' through the whole thing all over again. (Women are advised that a change of clothing may be necessary following this amusement.) Incredible!"

"You are demented! That sounds horrible! Who wants to be strapped to some half-crazed piece of metal and dragged through Hell and back?"

"Are you kidding? It sounds like fun! Besides, they have other stuff as well. Puberty Park has a bunch of low-stress attractions: the Bloat-Walk, Bitch-Till-You-Win, the Mood Swings, and Bumper Cramps."

"Puberty Park?"

"Yeah, that's for the teenagers. Let's see. What else do they have..."

"Let me see that." Disarming me of the brochure, she read, "Goddess Park offers complete overnight luxury accommodations at the Athena Motorlodge, 35 minutes out of Chugwater, Wyoming, just off route 25. Covering five acres of the most breath-taking landscapes you'll ever see, Goddess Park is fully enclosed and security monitored 'round the biological clock. In need of a lift? Take a trip through the Weight-watcherless Environment or ride the Mood Elevators. Feeling adventurous?"

Take a spin on the Emotional Tilt-a-Whirl, or visit the dreaded House of

Dressing Room Mirrors! Conventional carnival attractions such as Whack-an-Ex are available as well. Movie buffs will love our comedy take-off feature, *Tampax Toss at By-Pass Corral*."

I jumped in. "How much does it cost?"

Fixing me with a stare normally reserved for 6-year olds, she said, "Don't get crazy," then sighed, "according to this, they are inviting us to take advantage of the Summer Empowerment Package - offering overnight weekend accommodations plus access to all Feminist Food Stands. It says, 'delight in our homemade and liberally located Ms. Salty Chips, Diet Soda Fountains, and the ever-popular Ms. & Ms. chocolate candies as you stroll the park. Whether you are looking for thrills and excitement, a chance to surround yourself with women for 48 hours, or a good game of politically-correct beano, this empowering weekend ends with a Sexist Pig Roast that is so intense, according to some women, that very thought of watching 'Green Acres' brings them to tears. It is a highly symbolic, bonding experience in which hundreds of women chase down and hog-tie the main course, sit around a campfire to share their own stories of sexual harassment and frustration, and then, in a healing gesture, release the sexist pig into the night."

"That's incredible. What happens then?"

"They call Pizza Express, in Thermopolis and order 500 extra-cheese-with-thick-crusts to be delivered. There's even a coupon in here good for two extra toppings." She held the coupon in her left hand, waving it slightly. I looked at her. She looked at me. The silence broken by a smile, I stood up and stretched. She said, "the number is 1-800-GOD-DESS."

Wandering toward the kitchen door I paused and looked back at her. "What do you like on your pizza?"



Maine Gayzette --

"Phone Zap" Incites Reaction from WBLM

Gay activists, angered by a negative gay joke that was broadcast live on WBLM's "Joke of the Day" contest May 14th, organized a phone zap the following Tuesday that clogged up the radio station's telephone lines and caused general manager Eve Rubins to call the activists and set up a meeting to settle the issue.

Bob Gordon, Mark Griswold, and Jeff Levensaler met with Rubins and morning D.J.s Mark Persky and Herb Ivy on Thursday, May 23th, at which time WBLM agreed to air no more gay jokes and promised to run more gay/lesbian-oriented public service announcements. In addition, both Persky and Ivy apologized for

broadcasting the joke, for which the caller was awarded a complimentary tee-shirt.

"We were expecting to meet with two homophobes," Griswold said. But the D.J.s were "very open to discussion" and the meeting was "very positive." "Their intent wasn't to ridicule gays. They didn't understand the implications of the joke," he said. "They just like to rag on everybody."

Griswold, Gordon, and Levensaler have agreed to supply WBLM with public service announcements relevant to the gay/lesbian community. They may be reached at (207) 871-1014.

Lambert Hopes to Start Maine Log Cabin Club

Last March, during the heated debates and media splurges that preceeded the legislature's rejection of the gay rights bill, Massachusetts Governor William Weld telephoned Governor John McKernan and encouraged him to support the bill, citing his own administration's positive relationship with the gay and lesbian communities in his state. The call was requested by Robin Lambert, a long-time member of Maine's Republican Party and a victim of homophobic attacks by right-wing Republicans during his political campaigns last year, and was relayed to Weld by Richard Tafel, a Cambridge, MA resident and current president of the Log Cabin Club, a national group of gay and lesbian Republicans.

Now Lambert is working on starting a Log Cabin Club chapter in Maine and has invited Tafel to meet this month with Re-

publican bigwigs, including Party Chair Ted O'Meara and its former executive director Tony Payne, as well as with gay and lesbian party members in a private meeting.

The Log Cabin Club is so called because Abraham Lincoln, who founded the Republican Party and is among America's most progressive presidents, was born in a log cabin. The group believes in Republican political philosophy but is progressive on social issues. "At the core of Republican politics is the importance of the individual and of an individual's rights," said Lambert. "A person should be judged on his or her talents and contributions to society, not according to sexuality, race or anything else."

Persons interested in receiving further information of the Log Cabin Club may write Lambert at 538 Brighton Avenue, Portland, ME 04102.

M.D. Harmon Quarrels with USM over ROTC

Conservative **Portland Press Herald** columnist M.D. Harmon has thrown punches at the Faculty Senate of the University of Southern Maine for its having passed a resolution requesting the university to terminate agreements with the Department of Defense concerning ROTC until discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation is abolished. Harmon has claimed that the resolution discriminates against a "much larger group of prospective students" who want to serve their country but would be barred from doing so without ROTC.

As was the case during debate about Maine's recently failed gay-rights bill, Harmon's argument is grounded in his belief that homosexuals are basically unnatural, diseased people whose visibility would diminish morale and make every straight person in the military a "potential sexual conquest." Two sponsors of the resolution, professors Janet Burson and Monique Crochet, defend the faculty's stand on the grounds that it puts "pressure on the federal government to integrate homosexuals into ROTC and give them a chance to serve their country."

WE ASKED AND YOU TOLD US

Over 100 completed surveys which were included as a pull-out section in the **Maine in Pink Guide and Map**, have arrived at the *Our Paper* office in May/June. While we tabulate the results (to be printed in future issues of *Our Paper*), here are a few samplings from the section "Is there anything we didn't ask that you'd like to tell us?":

► *Why is May the month that has both the Film Festival and Symposium? Can't these events be spread out? The majority of [the] year is a drought and then comes May. We need to get together more often both for ourselves and for political statements.*

► *If I were to discuss civil rights and discrimination with a politician I would probably discuss the need for any of the civil rights that have had to be clearly outlined. If our society consisted of individuals who viewed all of human kind as equal then there would be no need for anti-*

discrimination laws/guidelines and clearly outlined civil rights because quality would be the natural state of being. As this does not seem to be forthcoming in the near future it seems essential that those with political power/responsibility ensure that guidelines are developed to secure quality until humankind is able to maintain a sense of total equality for all on its own. I would also like to express the need and importance of having those in the gay/lesbian community maintain and demonstrate the same respect and sense of equality for those of the heterosexual community that we are asking for.

► *Looking forward to seeing the results — interesting survey. Thanks.*

If you haven't already done so, please fill out and return your survey today. Get your **Maine in Pink Guide and Map** which includes *Our Paper's* pull-out survey by calling *Our Paper* at 207-761-0733.

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hearing room burst into loud applause when it was announced that there were no opposition witnesses to the Gay Rights bill." (5/18/77) "You've got to be kidding me," shouted Gerry Talbot. "We've won already!" (*Maine Times*, 5/27/77)

After a short recess Rep. Jasper Wyman (D-Pittsfield) came scurrying in having "heard it through the grapevine" that there was no opposition witnesses. He got permission to insert into the hearing record his assertion that the bill "would destroy our Judeo-Christian heritage".

Four days later at the committee work session on the bill reality set in. Of the 13 committee members, six favored the bill. In spite of all our lobbying we were never able to get another committee member to vote with us. Furthermore, at that time we began to hear a soon common thread in the debate — from Rep. Marjorie Hutchings of Lincolnville.

"If we pass this, we're putting a stamp of approval on something that is not the normal way of behavior. I think that we would see a proliferation of these people, whom I consider sick, moving in droves to Maine. Everyone is discriminated against at some time. Homosexuals have to live with it. We can't make it a fair world for everyone." (*Maine Times*, 5/27/77)

The next phase came quickly — to move to a vote in the House and the Senate on June 1st and 2nd. In the meantime at least four gay people worked lobbying the bill in the corridors of the Maine Legislature — Nan Stone, Peter Prizer, Richard Steinman, and Stephen Leo.

In anticipation of the floor debate in the House, Speaker John Martin took two actions — 1) he tried to control the language of the members debating the bill and 2) cleared a class of schoolchildren out of the visitors gallery before dimming the lights to prevent television coverage of the debate. The latter action was more successful than the former.

Rep. Stanley Laffin (D-Westbrook), as was his usual bent, simultaneously pressed the limits of decency and the English language. Rep. Robert Carrier (D-Westbrook) railed on about homosexual school teachers. Fortunately, the fact that I later was his daughter's swimming instructor never came to his attention.

The House defeated the legislation 89-55. In the Senate the debate was more restrained but the results were similar — a defeat 21-10. At the time the consensus of supporters was that we had done a credible job for the first time out. The bill would pass the next time around. As of this writing, that has not been the case.

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Gay Posters Approved

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Metro officials have approved a request by the Gay and Lesbian Education Fund to place posters with the words "faggot" and "dyke" on the transit system's buses and in its subway stations.

According to Metro Spokesperson Marilyn Dicus, the ad "meets [their] requirements," and system officials are not contemplating asking for any changes. Dicus said that at one time officials did object to the language as possibly inflammatory and able to incite violence.

"But their [ad] has the language in it, and we are approving it," said Dicus.

According to Susan N. Donahue, chair of the Education Fund, the posters will read, "The next time you think 'Faggot' or 'Dyke,' remember we belong to someone's family, perhaps yours." Three different sizes of the poster will be used on the bus system. On the version that will be placed in the subway station's lighted advertising boards, said Donahue, the poster will use magenta and yellow lettering on a black background.

The Gay and Lesbian Education Fund won a suit against Metro in the early 1980s after transit system officials refused to accept another Education Fund poster. That poster featured snapshots of people accompanied by the words "Someone in Your Life is Gay."

Gay Alumni Association Refused Recognition

HANOVER, N.H.—Dartmouth College refused last week to recognize a separate Dartmouth Gay and Lesbian

Alumni Association (D-GALA), citing the need to maintain alumni unity.

It is the college's third such refusal of an alumni subgroup. In 1989, environmentalists and white students were denied recognition as separate alumni organizations.

The eight-year-old alumni association for homosexuals, which has more than 500 members from classes dating back to 1928, would have become the fourth alumni subgroup to be recognized by the college. Currently, such groups exist for blacks, American Indians, and lawyers.

Alumni groups for homosexuals exist at other colleges across the nation, including the University of California campuses, Vassar College and Oberlin College.

"How to Spot Gays"

"Incidentally, there are no homosexuals among the Brady [Bunch] kids. They aren't even anatomically correct under their clothing. Nor would Buffy, Jody, or Cissy from *Family Affair* be queer. But these make excellent names for pets." —*Southern Voice's* David Salyer, explaining how to spot gays and lesbians (or lack thereof) on old TV shows.

"Wedding Register" Created

NETHERLANDS—The city of Deventer has created a gay/lesbian "wedding register" after being convinced by *De Gay Krant* that it is legal to do so. The Netherlands—along with Czechoslovakia, Norway, and Sweden—is hoping to become the second country in the world to legalize gay marriage. Denmark was first, in 1989.

AAA Doubles Up

SEATTLE—The Washington state board of the American Automobile Association agreed recently to allow same-sex partners of its members sign up for "associate" memberships previously provided only to legal spouses and children.

According to *San Diego Update*, a Gay newspaper, the agreement resulted from a complaint filed with the Seattle Human Rights Department three years ago by a gay man whose male partner was denied the less expensive membership. The department ruled last year that the AAA policy violated the city's ordinance prohibiting discrimination based on marital status. AAA refused to comply until March 14th, one day before the complaint was due to go to court.

The AAA board voted to extend its new policy throughout the state, not just in Seattle.

No-Name Resigns

MICHIGAN—The new president of the Lesbian and Gay Network of Western Michigan resigned recently after members were outraged when she refused to use her name in the media. The woman told reporters that her business caters to religious clientele and she feared that going public would cost her money. The reins of the organization were taken over by Jim Klinesteker, the only member of the executive committee who is openly gay.

Brits Boycott Texaco

ENGLAND—ACT UP/London has turned up the heat in its campaign against the Texaco oil company which tests all

prospective employees in the United Kingdom (but not in other countries) for HIV. Activists picketed two London petrol stations Feb. 23rd, handing out leaflets to motorists and station staff. The group has also called a boycott of all Texaco products. As with other British gay boycotts, the action is receiving support from trade unions, non-gay student groups and other progressive associations. Texaco's mandatory-testing policy has been in force in the U.K. since 1988, according to *Capitol Gay*. Job applicants who test HIV-positive are reportedly not hired.

Helms elected "Bigot of the Year"

ENGLAND—The readers of *London's Capitol Gay* elected U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms Bigot of the Year for 1990. Former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher came in second. Other honors handed out included Best TV Program: *The Golden Girls*. Best Film: *Ghost*. Best Singer/Band: Madonna. Man of the Year: Singer Jimmy Somerville. Hunk of the Year: Mel Gibson.

Same-Sex Couples to Attend Prom

PHILADELPHIA—Officials at North Allegheny High School near Pittsburgh retracted their policy that only heterosexual couples could attend the school's senior prom and apologized for their "poor choice of words."

Principal Francis Barnes said that the only intent of the policy was to keep singles from attending the formal dance because students without dates tend to cause trouble. "We were not trying to make a statement about lifestyles," he said.

Barnes issued the clarification at a school assembly where he said same-sex couples would be welcomed at the prom.

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Chiltern Mountain Club Events

July 13

Sakonnet River bicycle ride. 35 mile ride and swim. Call Gloria for details at 617-547-0053.

July 12-14

Backpacking in Vermont. 20.2 mile round trip hike on the Long Trail. Highlight is Mount Mansfield. Call Mike for details at 603-644-7658.

July 19, 20 and 21

Sea kayaking, canoeing in Maine. Call Roy for details at 617-661-1436 (call before 9:30pm please)

July 20-21

1st Annual Vershire Century - VT. 100 mile ride in Vermont. Relax and swim on Sunday. Call Bob for details at 617-266-3812 or 802-333-9448.

July 28

Trail Building Workshop in NH. Help maintain Chiltern's adopted trail - Welch Dickey. Call Cindy for details at 617-625-8537.

The MATLOVICH SOCIETY is an educational and cultural organization of gays and lesbians committed to sharing our history as well as providing person-affirming presentations and discussions in a supportive social environment. Meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 7:30-9pm, 2nd floor People's Building, 155 Brackett Street, Portland. (mailing address: P.O. Box 942, Portland, 04104)

Matlovich Society Events

July 11

John Holverson - historian, artist, consultant, former curator & Executive Director of the Portland Museum of Art, will speak on the Native American traditions honoring the homosexual, "The Person with Two Spirits".

July 25

Gerry Talbot - first black member of the Maine Legislature, first sponsor of gay civil rights bill in Maine, president of Black

Education and History, Inc., will address "The Invisibility of Gays, Lesbians and Blacks in American History".

August 8

Dr. JoEllen Yale - psychotherapist, faculty member, poet, will present "Overcoming Homophobia", her recognized field of expertise.

August 15

The Society proudly announces the Honorable Barney Frank, openly gay congressman from Massachusetts, 7:30 pm at the Portland Museum of Art Auditorium. Free to the gay community. Reception follows.

August 22

Rev. Rosemary Denman, minister, activist, author, defrocked by the Methodist Church for being lesbian, will address "Spirituality and Homosexuality".

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

August 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17

"Gertrude Stein and a Companion" by Win Wells is being performed by the company of "Doing Strange Things in the Name of Art" in Portland at the former Bookland location on Congress Street. Directed and produced by Kathleen Mary, the show is a rich and illuminating portrait of both Stein's celebrated career as a writer and her enduring relationship with Alice B. Toklas. Curtain is at 8:00 pm and reservations are recommended. Call 883-0507 for further information.

August 30 - September 2

North-East Women's Musical Retreat to take place in Hardwick, MA. Featuring, among others, Alix Dobkin, Suede, Libana, and Sue Fink. For more information send SASE to P.O. Box 217, New Haven, CT, 06513, or call 203-468-8508.

August 30 - September 2

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THE MATLOVICH SOCIETY AND THE POLITICS OF CHANGE

by Tim Grover

"Hundreds of years of religious fundamentalists calling homosexuality unspeakable have kept us from using our voices to tell our history. This repression has isolated us, sometimes turning our anger against ourselves and making us believe, like children who have been abused, that we are responsible for our own victimization."

No one has to ask Matlovich Society co-founder and ML/GPA Board member Ron McClinton what his views are on a particular issue twice. For this self-acclaimed "gay activist on the edge", McClinton has brought to life a long-needed self-affirming group of gay men and lesbians to identify gay and lesbian achievers who can provide us with a positive sense of our history and our community.

For this issue's editorial on letting loose, and being effective, what better group to celebrate the diversity than this — a new group willing and rearing to go. We so often pigeon-hole our ideas that change can only happen one way that we forget to keep our heads and minds clear to continue experiencing this journey we call life.

Time to have some GOOD TIMES in this community!!

The "community" is just the thing that sets off this mildly mannered, yet easily excited, gay man of southern heritage. Perceiving a real need in Maine for an organization to tell our story is what led McClinton, along with Lois Reckett (see related article), to form The Matlovich Society, an organization to enumerate gay and lesbian accomplishments and provide affirming presentations and discussions.

Ron believes that the community has been spoiled by the successes of those that have come before us, and now we (especially gay men) have sort of given up the fight.

He flaringly signifies that "too much of our history is the story of silence, denial, absence, misrepresentation and letting others speak our truth for us, if spoken at all."

Why was Leonard Matlovich chosen to lend his name to the organization? "Because he was a courageous hero, that's why. Courageous as a military man who was decorated in combat, courageous as a gay man who risked (and lost) his career by taking the U.S. Air Force to court for discrimination against homosexuals, and courageous as a man who died with dignity from AIDS. His epitaph, 'Decorated for

killing two men, discharged for loving one', epitomizes the valor of gays and lesbians from all walks of life who have gone unsung and forgotten."

Before I can even ask my next questions, he continues... "The Matlovich Society is going to change that! We want to identify our gay and lesbian achievers and utilize this information to provide ourselves with a positive sense of history and community. We want to educate ourselves and the public regarding gay and lesbian accomplishments thereby effecting changes in society's attitudes. These attitude changes will then result in justice for homosexuals, and the societal acceptance and equal rights."

After sitting with him for over an hour, some of his enthusiastic southern hospitality has me drenched and we both begin to rally about the pessimistic view of many gay men that all the bases are being covered, and there is really nothing that "we all" can do.

"Fuck that attitude sweetheart," his 1970s gay radical patoire ripping away the southern hospitality thing "If all the bases are being covered then why are we still fighting through the political jungle for our rights? There is more

than one way to skin a cat!" he smiles.

All right already, I agree. I myself have been accused of being too idealistic, and way too passionate to be effective. I tell him to "calm down you damn nut; I'm on your side". And, for that matter, we all should be.

The group's format for their bi-monthly meeting is a 30-45 minute presentation by recognized speakers followed by discussion and socializing. The past month has already seen two of Maine's gay-celebrated speakers John Preston and Lois Galgay Reckett. Speakers for the next few months include C.T. Butler, Reverend Rosemary Denman, Dr. Jo Ellen Yale, Dr. Howard Solomon, as well as Bishop F. Wolf, John Holverson, and Dr. Sheldon Ganberg.

The topics are exciting and informative. Come on Maine, get off your asses and do something! The Matlovich Society meets the second and fourth Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., second floor of the People's Building, 155 Brackett Street, Portland, Maine. Their mailing address is P.O. Box 942, Portland, Maine 04104.

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media that both men are "troubled", the implication being that to be gay is on a par with being an animal that preys on the elderly. Troubled? Troubled is viciously stabbing another person multiple times and leaving that person to die alone; troubled is someone who hears of a rape and thinks "she probably asked for it"; troubled is an educated, articulate man who impugns the dignity of an entire minority population, the gay community.

For informational purposes, the self-described homosexual who was attacked was a highly respected member of his community. Most of us are. We are hard working people who pay our taxes, vote, love, hurt, serve our country, and worship God. Long ago the American Psychiatric Association removed the stigma that being gay was abnormal; their policy is that homosexuality is a normal variation of sexual orientation. Perhaps you have not heard. It is important that people such as yourself understand the implication of prejudicial statements which affect all gay men and lesbians. We have just fought (and lost) our battle for civil rights . . . again. Our opponents said

we don't need civil rights we need to turn from our wicked ways, as though anyone would choose to be born a member of the most discriminated against, the most hated, the most often assaulted, fired, disowned, etc., group in America! The Governor says, "Let's have a referendum," as though blacks would be voting today if one had been held for them. And generally decent, well-meaning people make homophobic statements about gays being "troubled". We know the kind of damage that covert message does to us. We know what it does to the gay children and adolescents who internalize "homosexuality is a sickness" - and then attempt suicide.

Sexual orientation is not a choice like chocolate or butterscotch on a

sundae. It cannot be changed anymore than the color of one's skin. Sexual orientation is not a moral issue, it is God-given, neither to be used lightly nor despised.

I have included for your consideration the background of our organization and our calendar of events. Of particular interest is our presentation in August by Dr. Yale regarding homophobia. We cordially invite you to attend any meeting you choose as our honored guest.

Respectfully,

K. Ronald McClinton
Executive Director (Acting)
The Matlovich Society

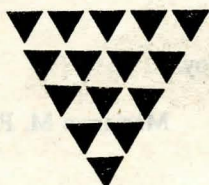
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Some ocean and talks with God,
Soothing hands taking knots from your back,
Maybe a song in your ear while dancing.
I'd definitely make you bread
Or write poems like this for your
Downside mornings or dreary afternoons.

When we joke around I hope
We can do it together often
And rage at sunsets and walk together, too,
Touching hands in twilight
When the heterosexuals aren't around.
And I love the feel of your shoe
Held against mine when no one's looking.

When you smile at me I wish
Our smiles could sing us songs
And two faces could beam under moonlight.

Marianne M. Pelletier



OF YOU, OF US

Sometimes at night and often in the day I think of
you and wonder if you think of me. You have
another so I weigh my chances constantly, and
now rethink my purpose. Though I love you
should I let her have you? Shall I be the
cloistered one within this complicated romance,
let you make the choice? (Were I the better
one?) So many thoughts I have I can't express.
Were you to mention sorrow I'd deny a
knowledge of that word, and loneliness is foreign,
too, and fire with my reply I'd always try to smile
and hope my eyes will not reveal the pain which
therein lies.

Mary Ellen Beal

DECEMBER 3, 1990 NIGHT

A sharp intake of breath.
A sneeze.
His belt whisks against his jeans.
My pleasure without looking up.
The buckle clatters on the floor.
The dry sound of jeans
sliding down his legs.
The bed moves under his weight.
His smooth butt
and hairy legs push against me.

Michael Gregg Michaud

THE GORGEOUS MAN ON THE ELEVATOR

Tonight we will love
In the woods in the way
Our parents would
Not understand.

When I told her about you
She said it was okay.
When I told him, He was not surprised.

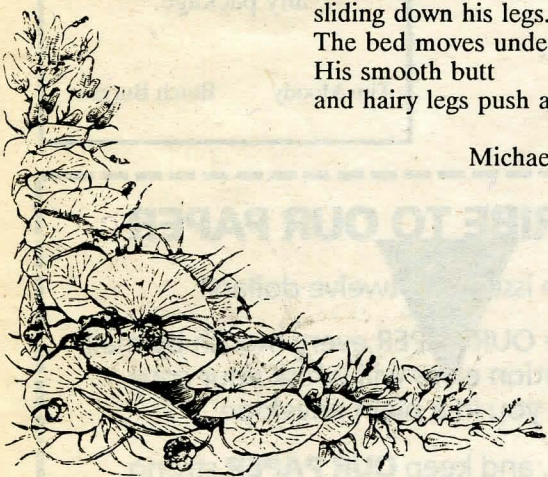
Of course, I thought.
I'm a manhater after all.

When I saw the blond beard
And glasses, I swallowed
Lightning — he was art.
I do not lust for him,

But rather lust to
Push him out and have his skin,
And make love to women that
Would leave them shuddering.

But the women I love
Don't want that kind of joy.

Marianne M. Pelletier



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That you must know, but somehow I can't give
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Mary Ellen Beal



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Our Maine: The War is (Being) Lost

by Kevin Cassell

Last month's issue of Our Paper headlined "AIDS: The War is Lost." The key word is, of course, "war," not AIDS. This is the term of the decade. There's the War on Poverty. The War on Drugs and Crime. The War on Illiteracy and Ignorance. The War on Pollution and Ozone Depletion. The War on Sexism, Racism, et cetera. Every time I turn around it seems someone — from an activist to the President — is declaring yet another "war" on something. And Iraq aside, all of the above-mentioned "wars," like the one waged against AIDS, we are losing.

Call me a left-wing pacifist flowerchild if you like, but I truly believe we'd be much better off if we'd stop approaching the numerous problems facing us as soldiers marching to the front lines. To label a cause a "war" sparks confrontation without compromise. We need both, but we're indulging too much of our energy confronting our problems than we are seeking the much more pragmatic—albeit difficult—route of negotiation and compromise.

After all, "war" is the fruition of intolerance, and lesbians and gay men who have declared war on the homophobic mainstream must be careful not to adopt the customs of the opposition. We cannot meet intolerance with intolerance. We need a new strategy. But first we need to accept our losses and let some of their wounded reminders die.

From what I hear, there's a lot of what

are called "internal problems" afflicting some of our community's most important organizations. Bad feelings. Bickering. People are sliding into factions and sub-factions. It's sad. As we engage in battles among ourselves, the so-called "war" still rages on without us. So, I say, let's not confront the problems that assault us from "out there" until we compromise on the ones imperiling us from "in here." And the first strategic step calls for a laying down of arms and a willingness to be open-minded and tolerant of other folk's opinions and ideas, as well as personal feelings.

It's for this reason that I ask some members of our community not to take the failure of the gay-rights bill too much to heart. It was a big let-down for all of us, but it's over with now and we're tough enough to live a while longer without LD-430. If there is "blame" to be found for its failure, it doesn't rest in the lap of the MLGPA. It hovers in the dank atmosphere over an irrationally traditional state.

Likewise, MLGPA members are challenged to overcome their frustrations concerning the controversial "endorsement issue" and, somehow, strike a happy medium. The unhappy feelings run deep. In her very persuasive essay published last month in the Maine Progressive, Christine Torraca, a member of MLGPA, recounted how she was first "stunned" and then "angered" at hearing Ed Shannon say that the MLGPA made a mistake in linking support for reproductive rights with support for gay and lesbian rights. She wrote: "I have still not gotten over the betrayal I felt

hearing those words."

Betrayal? This is a strong word, one that links the new president of MLGPA with Judas and Benedict Arnold. What about Sen. Gerry Conley, the bill's primary sponsor? Was he politically incorrect when he said that the endorsements made were "politically naive"? Yes, one always needs a room of one's own, but we should remember that at times we all share the same space, and there's enough room for varying ideas and alternative opinions. Ms. Torraca is obviously a progressive and intelligent individual, and I hope she will surmount her feelings of betrayal and forgive Mr. Shannon for his error (if I may be so bold to call it an error). Increasing hate-crimes, teenage suicide, methods of sustained, positive visibility—these are areas where we need some of our best minds to focus attention. But some reconciliation is needed before any further progress can be achieved. MLGPA members might not always agree with each other, but that mustn't halt the notable advances the organization has made for our community in the last decade, and continues to make.

Inciting confrontation is easier than making compromise, but it isn't necessarily the "best" or most practical approach to highly emotional issues. Last year, a few members of ACT UP, waving placards and shouting "God Kills Queers!", chased Christian Civic League leader Jasper Wyman out of an AIDS march in Portland. Toby Simon told me later that ACT UP/Portland was angered by what was in ACT UP's opinion a "totally opportunistic"

venture on Wyman's part. Wyman was shown on the news that night jogging swiftly away in sneakers and sweats—another publicity event for perhaps Maine's most vocal public group. But did this incident draw attention to AIDS and the way the state has responded to the crisis, or to the intolerance of one side of the social-political spectrum in this state toward the other? I say the latter.

That's exactly what Wyman's vigorous campaign against any type of gay-rights legislation has spawned in all its moral repugnancy: Intolerance. But, strangely enough, Jasper Wyman would by right be able to join ACT UP/Portland and attend their meetings and participate in any event they do, because the group promotes itself as a nonpartisan, directorless, totally democratic organization committed to the fight against an epidemic which is, remember, no longer a "gay disease" but one that can kill even white, patriarchal, fundamentalist Christians. No group or community can claim AIDS for itself. It is all-embracing. And so should our attitudes be.

Ah, but I'm an idealist, a dreamer (but not the only one). I envision a progressive, just society where decisions are made by consensus, for the common good; where people's ideas, no matter how "radical" or "wrong" they may be, are respected; where compromise is stressed over conflict, and negotiation over intolerance. Too utopian, eh? Laugh at me if you want; but that time will come, I just know it, once all these angry little wars are lost.

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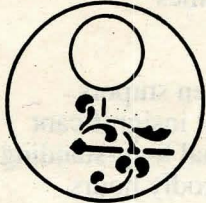
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Review

Thelma and Louise

by Holly Valero

If *Thelma & Louise* did not star Susan Sarandon and Geena Davis, but two male actors - sporting a title like *Dino and Freddy*, it would be heralded as the comedy hit of the summer. Bright. Funny. Unconventional underdog superheroes who just "ain't gonna take it anymore" from the "system". The pre-release hype would have been much bigger. Dollars spent on filming, actor salaries, and marketing would have been three to ten times higher.

But *Thelma & Louise* cast two wonderful actresses in a rough comedy-drama mix that took clear aim at male stereotypes and the oppression of women. It was loud. It was fun. And it was *truthful*.

Critics both male and female have hated and loved it. New York Daily News columnist Richard Johnson found it "degrading to men." As opposed to the sensitive and enlightened treatment of women we enjoy all the time in movies like, *New Jack City*, *Rambo*, *Terminator*, *Hudson Hawk*, *Die Hard*, and hundreds of other films. A list of films that do not degrade women would be an easier project. And a much shorter list. Hollywood's criteria for women's roles has been, as long as I can remember, one of four roles:

1. Token female extra in gang of men, just to assure audiences that the men are not gay.
2. Prostitute.
3. Someone with whom the male lead may engage in a sexual encounter of any kind, positive or negative.
4. Misc. - jilted wife, mother, grandmother, token old woman. Female roles have one theme in common. They are used as a tool for male role manipulation.

Along comes *Thelma* (Geena Davis) and *Louise* (Susan Sarandon). *Thelma's* husband is a philandering carpet salesman who, like his product, is looking to get laid

whenever possible. He is verbally abusive with physically violent undertones. *Thelma* is repressed and jumpy, too nervous to ask Darryl if she and *Louise* can take off for a couple of days together. She decides to simply leave a note and something in the microwave. *Louise* is a worldly waitress who carries scars from her past life in Texas. Her boyfriend is a greasy-haired oaf who is prone to bursts of violence. Escaping both men and lives, *Thelma* and *Louise* hop into a green convertible thunderbird and hit the road.

Thelma is the victim of an attempted rape in the parking lot of a local redneck country bar. This leads to a lethal incident. Self-defense is out of the question (after all, she danced with the guy all night) and destinations alter forever as they head for Mexico, committing armed robberies for gas money along the way. Along the road they become better friends, let their hair down, and raise the consciousness of a truck driver, police officer, and both boyfriend and husband. They simply cannot be caught. And the ending is as wonderful as it is awful.

The best part about *Thelma and Louise* may well be the audience participation. We women loved it! Our theatre got so rowdy that I noticed that a couple of men who went out for popcorn, simply chose not to return! It was probably the wisest move.

I left the theatre feeling alive and invigorated. I thought back to the times in my own life when I have encountered sexual harassment verbally and physically. If only I had owned a .38 on those occasions!

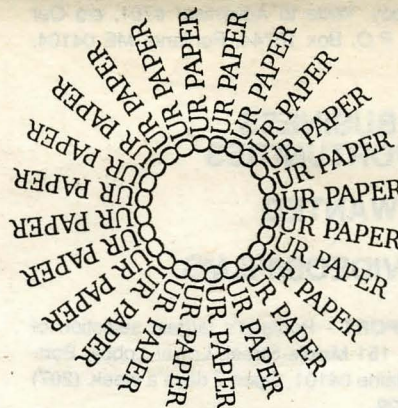
I give this one five pink triangles. When it comes out on video, I'm getting a copy! Just for the sheer fun of it! And for those male reviewers who disliked the film's lack of traditionally passive positive female role models? Watch your tires if we ever meet on the road!



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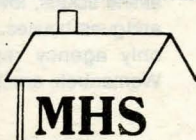
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Meetings --

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SUNDAYS

OUR PAPER organizational meeting on the first Sunday of every month at 6:30 PM at 9 Deering St., Portland. (Enter rear door) New volunteers welcome.

BATES GAY/LESBIAN/BISEXUAL/STRAIGHT ALLIANCE for discussion, support, and planning, meets every Sunday, 8:30 PM in Hirasawa Lounge, Chase Hall, Bates College, Lewiston.

MAINE LESBIAN/GAY POLITICAL ALLIANCE meets the third Sunday of every month at All Souls Church, 11 King St., Augusta, from 2 to 5 PM.

NORTHERN LAMBDA NORD meets the last Sunday of the month. Business meeting is at 1:00 PM followed by potluck. Call 498-2088 for information. Caribou area.

TRANSUPPORT peer support group for Transsexuals, cross-dressers, and their families and friends who desire a better understanding of gender related issues. Meets bi-monthly at 6:00 PM. Write to P.O. Box 17622, Portland, Maine 04011-0000 for more information and meeting locations.

GAY/LESBIAN COMMUNITY NETWORK meets the second Sunday of the month for a Lesbian Potluck Brunch from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM at the Peace and Justice Center, 9 Central Street, Room 302, Bangor. Call 862-5907 or 866-7958 for information.

DIGNITY/BANGOR (LESBIAN/GAY CATHOLICS AND FRIENDS) meets second and fourth Sundays of each month at the Chapel, Ruth Hutchins Center, Bangor Theological Seminary, 300 Union Street, Bangor. Doors open at 6:00 PM, worship at 6:15 PM followed by a business social.

DIGNITY/MAINE (LESBIAN/GAY CATHOLICS AND FRIENDS) meets every Sunday at the First Parish Church, 425 Congress Street, Portland. Doors open at 5:30 PM, worship at 6:00 PM followed by a social. Please use rear entrance.

LESBIAN ACOA (ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS) meets weekly from 7:00 - 8:00 PM at YWCA, 87 Spring Street, Portland, Maine. All women welcome.

GAY IN SOBRIETY (AA) meets on Sundays from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at the Williston West Church, 32 Thomas Street, Portland. Speakers meeting, Non-smoking.

LESBIAN POTLUCK BRUNCHES held monthly in the Bangor area. For more information call 862-5907.

MONDAYS

GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE AT FARMINGTON meet weekly on Mondays for discussions and socializing. The group warmly welcomes new people. For more information write to Irene Finch, UMF Center for Human Development, 7 South Street, Farmington, Maine 04938-0000 or call 207-778-3501 Ext. 205.

ACT-UP MAINE meets weekly at 7 PM at the People's Building, 155 Brackett St., Portland. For more information call 774-5082.

SEACOAST GAY MEN meets most Mondays at 7 PM at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 292 State St., Portsmouth, N.H. Call Al at (603) 898-1115.

FEMINIST SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY meets every Monday from 7:00 - 9:00 PM at the Friends and Quakers Meeting House, Forest Ave., Portland. For more information call 773-2294.

PFLAG (PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS) meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 PM at the All Souls Church, Unitarian Universalist, 11 King Street, Augusta, Maine. For more information call 623-2349.

BUILDING A MORE POSITIVE GAY IDENTITY, a support group for gay men, dealing with issues of coming out as an ongoing process, self esteem, social pressures, relationships and personal growth. Monday mornings from 10:30 AM - NOON, or Tuesday evenings from 5:30 - 7:00 PM in Portland. To apply, phone 772-1307.

THE BRIDGE AT COLBY, Colby College, Waterville, Maine, 04901. Connecting Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Straight communities. Meetings held every other Monday night at 7:30 PM in the Bridge Room. 24 hour information Phoneline 873-3536. For more information write or contact Mark at 877-7089, or leave a message on the phoneline.

DOWNEAST INTEGRITY CHAPTER-INFORMATION meets the second Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at St. Saviour's Episcopal Church, Bar Harbor. Eucharist, pot luck supper and discussion. All are welcome. For further information write the Rev. Fr. Edwin A. Garrett, III, Hon. Asst., St. Saviour's Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 355 (or c/o St. Saviour's Church) Bar Harbor, ME 04609, or phone 288-5362.

AIDS SUPPORT GROUP meets in Skowhegan at the Key Bank on Madison Ave. on the second Monday of every month.

DOWNEAST AIDS NETWORK support group in Ellsworth meets Mondays at 7:00 PM. Led by Clinical Social Worker Carole Pascal, the group is open to all people affected by AIDS. Call 326-8580 for location.

RUMFORD/MEXICO AREA AIDS SUPPORT GROUP meets every Monday evening from 7:00 - 8:30 PM at the Mexico Congregational Church (the "Green Church"). Ron Ashworth, Facilitator. For more information, call 369-0259.

BELFAST AREA AIDS SUPPORT GROUP for PWA's, HIV positive, family, friends and caregivers meets on Mondays. For more information, call the Waldo County AIDS Coalition at 338-1427 or Alan at 548-2929.

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS (ACOA) meets for open discussion with a focus on Gay/Lesbian issues from 7:00 - 8:30 PM on Mondays at YWCA, 87 Spring Street, Portland.

TUESDAYS

MID-COAST PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS (P-FLAG) meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM, First Parish Pilgrim House, 9 Cleveland Street, Brunswick, ME. Call Sally or Gene at 729-0519 or Effie at 623-2349.

OUR PAPER office is open to the public every Tuesday from 7:30 - 9:00 PM. New volunteers are always welcome. WE NEED HELP! Stop by at our office at 9 Deering Street in Portland. Call 761-0733 for more information.

LESBIAN AND GAY FREEDOM TRAIL BAND meets every Tuesday at 7:15 PM at the YWCA, 7th floor, 120 Clarendon Street, Boston. Contact Kathy at (617) 424-7025, Gary at (617) 267-6186, or Zoe at (508) 264-9085 for more information.

COLLEGE LESBIAN WOMYN'S RAP GROUP meets weekly on Tuesdays from 6:30 - 8:00 PM, 92 Bedford Street, Portland (USM Campus). Bisexuals welcome. Call 874-6796 for more information.

BOWDOIN COLLEGE B-GLAD, BISEXUAL/ GAY/LESBIAN ALLIANCE FOR DIVERSITY meets at 9:00 PM on Tuesday nights in Hubbard Hall, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine. For more information call Kristin at 725-3620.

FAMILIES OF GAYS SUPPORT GROUP meets second Tuesday of each month from 7:00 - 9:00 PM in Portland. Meetings are informal and focus on family and relationship issues. For more information call Ingraham Volunteers at 774-HELP.

GREATER PORTLAND NOW meets the fourth Tuesday of the month from 7:30 - 9:00 PM at the YWCA, 87 Spring Street, Portland, Maine. For more information call Jennifer Halm-Perzone at 871-0618 or write P.O. Box 4012, Portland, Maine 04101.

GRIEVING SUPPORT GROUP, for bereaved persons healing from the death of a loved one, meets in Portland on Tuesday Evenings from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM. Call Kristine Watson, M.A., at 775-0366. DONATIONS.

GAY IN SOBRIETY (AA) meets weekly on Tuesday from 6:00 - 7:00 PM, beginners meeting. Also meets from 7:30 - 8:30 PM on Tuesday, Speaker/Discussion meeting. Both meeting at the Williston West Church, 32 Thomas Street, Portland.

LESBIAN ACOA (ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS) SUPPORT GROUP meets weekly on Tuesday from 7:00 - 8:30 PM at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 2nd floor Annex, 15 Pleasant Street, Brunswick, Maine. Non-smoking meeting. All women welcome.

WEDNESDAYS

LIFESTYLES ALLIANCE CLUB meets weekly on Wednesdays from 12:00 - 1:00 PM on the UNE Campus. Location can be obtained by calling 283-0171 and asking for the Student Affairs Office.

COLBY COLLEGE BISEXUAL/LESBIAN/GAY COMMUNITY meets weekly on Wednesdays at 7:30 PM at Mary Low Coffeehouse, Colby College, Waterville, Maine.

GAY/LESBIAN COMMUNITY NETWORK meets at 7:30 PM on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wednesdays of the month at the Peace and Justice Center, 9 Central Street, Room 203, Bangor. Call 827-3107 for more information.

AUGUSTA AREA HIV+ SUPPORT GROUP meets at the offices of Dr. Karen Kalustian of the Gardiner Family Physician, 152 Dresden Ave., Gardiner. Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. For more information call Cecilia Leland at 371-2147 or Steve Fleming at 777-1701.

GAYS AND LESBIANS UNITED meets the last Wednesday of each month at the Sanford Unitarian Church on the corner of Lebanon Street (Route 202) and Main Street (Route 109) in Sanford, Maine. All welcome. Call 439-5540 for details.

COLLEGE GAY MEN'S AND LESBIAN WOMYN'S RAP GROUP meets weekly on Wednesday at 92 Bedford Street, Portland (USM Campus) from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Bisexuals welcome. Call 874-6796 for more information.

GAY AND LESBIAN ACOA meets Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM at the St. Matthews Rectory, Union Street, Hallowell.

GAY AND LESBIAN AL-ANON meets Wednesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:00 PM at the Williston West Church, 32 Thomas Street, Portland.

PROUD TO BE GAY/LESBIAN meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous meets weekly from 7:30 - 8:30 PM. Open discussion, non-smoking. Meets downstairs (entrance at the end of the building) at the Unitarian/Universalist Church, 1345 Broadway, Rockland, ME.

THURSDAYS

OUT AND ABOUT, A LESBIAN SOCIAL AND SUPPORT GROUP, meets every Thursday at 7 PM in Portsmouth, N.H. New members welcome. For more information call Keryn at (603) 749-5852, or write P.O. Box 695, Cape Neddick, Maine 03902.

OUTRIDERS MAINE, a bicycle club for lesbian women and gay men, meets each Thursday of daylight savings time at 6:00 PM at Back Cove parking lot in Portland. Bicyclists of all experience levels are encouraged to participate. Riding time will be from 60 to 90 minutes, after which we will gather at Raff's on Forest Avenue for refreshment. Call 767-3825 for more information.

ADULT WOMEN SURVIVORS OF RAPE SUPPORT GROUP is being offered by the Rape Crisis Center in Portland. Group is free and confidential and child care is provided. Oct. 4 - Dec. 16, from 6:00 - 7:30 PM. Call collect at 774-3613 for more information and to set up an interview.

SEACOAST LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets at 7:00 PM at A Safe Place in Portsmouth, NH. A lesbian support group to develop an avenue of sharing and caring among lesbians in the Seacoast area, as well as socializing. Each weekly meeting focuses on a topic relevant to the Lesbian community.

EASTERN MAINE AIDS NETWORK (EMAN) meets every Thursday in Bangor. Call 990-EMAN or write to EMAN, P.O. Box 2038, Bangor, Maine 04401-2038.

DOWNEAST AIDS NETWORK holds a healing circle for all affected by AIDS. Second and fourth Thursdays, from 7:00 - 8:30 PM. For more information call 326-8580. Blue Hill area.

WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP FOR WOMEN WITH AIDS, ARC OR WHO ARE HIV+ meets weekly on Thursday at The AIDS Project from 10:30 AM - Noon at 22 Monument Square, 5th floor, Portland, Maine. For more information, or if you are in need of day care, please call Diane or Toby at 774-6877.

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS (ACOA) meets on Thursdays from 5:30 - 7:00 PM at the YWCA, 87 Spring Street, Portland.

LIVE AND LET LIVE GROUP (AA), Big book/step meeting weekly on Thursdays from 8:00 - 9:00 PM at the Williston West Church, 32 Thomas Street, Portland.

LESBIAN/GAY ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (AA) discussion group meets weekly on Thursday at the Unitarian Universalist Church, Main Street, Bangor. Meeting begins at 7:30 PM.

FRIDAYS

OUTRIGHT Portland Alliance of Lesbian and Gay Youth (22 years of age and younger) meets weekly on Fridays at 7:30 PM at Preble Street Chapel, 331 Cumberland Ave., Portland.

LIFESTYLES ALLIANCE CLUB meets weekly on Fridays at NOON on the UNE campus. Location can be obtained by calling 283-0171, ask for Barbara Hazard.

LESBIANS IN SOBRIETY (AA) open meeting is held on Fridays from 7:00 - 8:00 PM at the Williston West Church, 32 Thomas Street, Portland, Maine.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (AA) meets weekly on Fridays from 8:00 - 9:30 PM - Gays Together in Sobriety - Open Discussion - Christ Episcopal Church, 80 Lafayette Road, Portsmouth, N.H.

SATURDAYS

PRIME TIMERS OF BOSTON, an organization for older Gay males, meets the third Saturday of every month from 2:00 - 4:00 PM at the Lindemann Health Center, 25 Staniford Street, in Downtown Boston. See Calender Section for any changes in location.

THE GAY 90's, a men's group for the Waldo County area meets one Saturday night of the month for a social gathering. For information contact Paul S. Doolan at 342-5886 or write to RR #1 Box 560, Morrill, Maine 04952-0000.

OTHER MEETINGS

SHORELINE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES presents a new weekly therapy group for gay and lesbian persons age 21 and over. Group issues may include exploring one's gay or lesbian identity with self, family, and community; dealing with internal and external homophobia; exploring relationship issues, religious issues, career issues, and other issues of concern to group members. The group will meet in the Bath office (100 High Street) for 15 weekly 1 1/2 hour sessions beginning in the Fall of 1990. Interested persons should contact Jim Talbot or Karen Ludwig at Shoreline for more information. Phone 729-4171 or 1-800-834-4673.

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BATES COLLEGE GAY/LESBIAN/BISEXUAL/STRAIGHT ALLIANCE

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BELFAST AREA AIDS GROUP

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DIGNITY/MAINE

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DOWN EAST AIDS NETWORK (DEAN)

P.O. Box 779
Blue Hill, Maine 04614-0000
(207) 326-8580
A community based grassroots organization. We provide community education and support services for those affected by AIDS. DEAN is a gay positive organization support group for HIV+, family, friends, and those at risk. Meets Tuesdays. For more information call Tracy for more information.

DOWNEAST INTEGRITY CHAPTER-IN-FORMATION

C/O Rev Fr. Edwin A. Garrett, III
St. Saviour's Episcopal Church
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(207) 773-2294

Meets on Monday evenings.

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St. Matthew's Church
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Lesbian and Gay Episcopalians and their friends. It is a family within the church, a place to find close community and support. It offers an opportunity to find growth, education, and prayer.

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LESBIAN/GAY COMMITTEE

Maine Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers
P.O. Box 5112 - Station A
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LIFESTYLES ALLIANCE CLUB

University of New England Campus
Biddeford, Maine
(207) 283-0171
Advisors: Barbara Hazard and Vern Patterson
An organization of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and straight persons. We currently have students from the various colleges including OT, PT, Medical Students, MSW, and undergraduate students. Our primary goals include support and educating others about alternative lifestyles. All persons are welcome to attend or call to find out more about our organization.
Group meets Friday afternoon.

Maine Connection

P.O. Box 5145 - Station A
Portland, Maine 04102-5245

MONADNOCK AREA WOMYN (MAW)

P.O. Box 6345
Keene, NH 03431
(603) 357-5757

Mountain Valley Men (MVM)

P.O. Box 36
Center Conway, NH 03813-0036
(207) 925-1034 (Paul)
A social group for gay men from western Maine and eastern New Hampshire. We meet at each others' homes for Pot Luck and plan activities as the members desire. Write or call for more information.

Maine Bisexual People's Network

P.O. Box 1792
Portland, Maine 04104-1792
Call the Gay/Lesbian Alliance at (207) 874-6596 to leave a message.
Our purpose is to affirm in ourselves and others the positive nature of bisexuality and to work toward greater acceptance in the bisexual, gay, lesbian and straight communities.

Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance

P.O. Box 232
Hallowell, Maine 04347-0000

Merrymeeting AIDS Support Services

P.O. Box 57
Brunswick, Maine 04011-0057
(207) 725-4955
Provides support services to PWA's those with HIV disease, and their family and friends. MASS also provides education services free of charge to the greater Bath/Brunswick community. MASS also has "buddies" available for PWA's and HIV+.

The Maine Health Foundation

P.O. Box 7329 DTS
Portland, Maine 04112-7329
A non-profit, tax-exempt organization that offers both direct and indirect financial support for people with AIDS (PWA's) in Maine. Please write for more information.

New Brunswick Coalition of Human Rights Reforms

P.O. Box 1556
Station A
Fredericton, New Brunswick
Canada
E3B 5G2

New Hampshire Citizens Alliance for Gay and Lesbian Rights

P.O. Box 756
Coontocook, NH 03329-0756
(603) 228-9009

Northern Lambda Nord

P.O. Box 990
Caribou, Maine 04736-0990
Gay/Lesbian Phoneline: (207) 498-2088

Greater Portland Chapter of the National Organization of Women

c/o YWCA
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Portland, Maine 04101-0000
(207) 879-0877 (Perry Krasow)
An action-oriented group. Our primary goals are three-fold: [1] to foster Equal Rights for women; [2] to insure unrestricted choice around reproductive rights; [3] to support Lesbian and Gay rights. We have speakers and events for the public on the fourth Tuesday of every month.

Out and About

P.O. Box 695
Cape Neddick, ME 03902
Keryn at (603) 749-5852
Out and About, a lesbian social and support group, meets every Thursday at 8 p.m. in Portsmouth, NH. New members welcome. Call Keryn at (603) 749-5852 or write P.O. Box 695, Cape Neddick, ME 03902 for more information.

Our Paper

9 Deering Street
P.O. Box 10744
Portland, Maine 04104
(207) 761-0733
Our purpose is to serve as a voice for the lesbians and gay men in Maine. We are made up of a group of dedicated volunteers who wish to broaden the understanding of our lifestyles and of each other. All new volunteers welcome.

OUTRIGHT

P.O. Box 5028 Station A
Portland, Maine 04102-5028
Portland Alliance of Gay and Lesbian Youth. Are you gay and under 22 years of age? For more information, call Ingraham Volunteers. Dial information: (207) 774-HELP (a 24 hour hotline) or if your 18 and under, you can also call Dial-KIDS: (207) 774-TALK. Call now for more information concerning support, special events and fun!

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P.O. Box 2080
Great Island,
Brunswick, ME 04011
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(207) 729-0519/623-2349

Portland Pride

P.O. Box 681
Scarborough, Maine 04074-0681

Prime Timers of Boston

c/o D. Bourbeau
604 Tremont Street
Boston, Maine 02118-1605
An organization for older gay males that meet monthly on the third Saturday of every month from 2 to 4 PM. See calendar section for changes in location and schedule (if any).

PWA Coalition of Maine

377 Cumberland Avenue
Portland, Maine 04101-0000
(207) 773-8500

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North Conway, NH 03860
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c/o Community Aids Awareness Program
(207) 369-0259
Group meets Monday evenings at the Mexico Congregational Church (the "Green Church") from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM.

Seacoast Gay Men (SGM, Inc.)

P.O. Box 1394
Portsmouth, NH 03801-1394
(603) 898-1115 [AJ]
A social group for gay men meeting weekly on Monday evenings at 7 PM (excepting Holidays). The first Monday of the month is a potluck supper. Remaining Monday's are given to a wide variety of presentations, discussions, films, etc.

TRANSUPPORT

P.O. Box 17622
Portland, Maine 04101-0000
Transupport is a non-profit, non-sexual, social and educational peer support group for Transsexuals, cross-dressers, and their families and friends who desire a better understanding of gender-related issues. Meetings are held bi-monthly on Sundays at 6:00 PM. Write for location and more information.

USM Women's Forum

University of Southern Maine
92 Bedford Street
Portland, Maine 04103-0000

Wilde-Stein Club

Memorial Union
University of Maine - Orono
Orono, Maine 04469-0000

Waldo County AIDS Education Committee

P.O. Box 772
Belfast, Maine 04915-0772
(207) 338-1427
Provide AIDS education for the greater community, schools, businesses, as well as a gay positive support group for PWA's, HIV positive, family, friends and caregivers. For more information, please call.

WOMLAND Trust Inc.

P.O. Box 55
Troy, Maine 04987-0055
A non-profit organization whose purpose is to acquire land throughout the state to protect it for use by current and future generations of women and children. Meetings Second Sunday every month. Location varies



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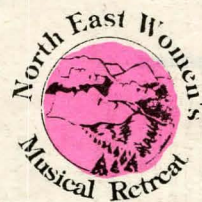
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